

place in Galicia, called Ferrol; where he remained five days, and appointed all the Masters of his ships an Order for keeping of good company, in this manner.

The small ships to be always ahead and aweather ot the *Jesus*: and to speak, twice a day, with the *Jesits* at least.

If in the day, the ensign to be over the poop of the *Jesus*; or in the night, two lights : then shall all the ships speak with her.

If there be three lights aboard the *Jesus*, then doth she cast about.

If the weather be extreme, that the small ships cannot keep company with the *Jesus*, then all to keep company with the *Solomon*: and forthwith to repair to the island of Teneriffe, to the northward of the road of Sirroes.

If any happen to any misfortune ; then to shew two lights, and to shoot off a piece of ordnance.

If any lose company, and come in sight again ; to make three yaws [? *veerings of the ship*] and strike [lower] the misen [*i.e.*, the misen sail] three times.

Serve GOD daily! [*i.e.*, have daily prayers], love one another! preserve your victuals! beware of fire! and keep good company [*i.e.*, of the fleet together].

The 26th day, the *Minion* came in also, where he was : for the rejoicing whereof, he gave them [volleys from] certain pieces of ordnance, after the courtesy of the sea, for their welcome. But the *Minion's* men had no mirth, because of their consort, the *Merlin*: which, after their departure from Master HAWKINS upon the coast of England, they went to seek; and having met with her, kept company two days together. At last, by the misfortune of fire, through the negligence of one of their Gunners, the powder in the Gunner's Room was set on fire: which, with the first blast, struck out her poop, and therewithal lost three men: besides many sore burned, which escaped by the brigantine [*i.e.*, the *Minion* ; apparently the ship of the same name in the Third Voyage} being at her stern : and, immediately, to the great loss of the owners, and most horrible sight to the beholders, she sank before their eyes.

The 30th day of the month, Master HAWKINS, with his